

Republican Journal & Dumfries Advertiser 11 Aug 1796

TO BE RENTED and possession given on the 16th of September next, that noted tavern with all its appurtenance in Town of Dumfries now occupied by Mrs. Williams. For terms apply to Hannah Shute, near Elk Run Church, or to Phillip Dawe of Dumfries.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Jan 1804

I will rent for one year on moderate terms, and give immediate possession, Houses and Lots in the Town of Dumfries, adjoining the court house, and lately occupied by captain George Williams, as a Tavern. The terms will be made known on application to Mr. William Smith, of Dumfries, or the subscriber.

The above property will be sold to the highest bidder, on a credit of one, two, and three years, at Prince William Court House, on the 5th day of March next, being court day. A clear and indisputable title will be made to the purchaser, or purchasers, on the day of sale; he or they giving bonds with approved security, to bear interest from the date if not punctually paid.

A minute description of this property is deemed unnecessary, as it is presumed those inclined to rent or purchase, will first view the premises.

James Mitchell
Stafford Court House
December 22, 1803

Alexandria Daily Advertiser 10 Apr 1804

SALES – To be sold on a credit of six months, at Public Auction, on Monday the 16th day of April next, before the front door of George William's Tavern, in the town of Dumfries, the following property, viz. A tract of land near Dumfries, on the tide water of Powell's Creek, called CEDAR GROVE, containing about 600 acres, with houses and other improvements.

Divie Bethune by his attorney
Andrew Smith by his attorney

Alexandria Gazette 22 June 1805

PUBLIC SALE – The subscriber will offer, at Public Sale at Mr. George Williams' Tavern, in the town of Dumfries, on the first Monday in July (being the 1st of the month) that Valuable property known by the name of CLIFTON MILL, within two and a half miles of Dumfries, on the waters of Quantico, which is as constant a stream as any in this part of the country, and in an exceeding healthy situation; very conveniently situated to a fine wheat country, not being more than half a mile out of the way, in going to Dumfries, from the main road leading from Fauquier Court House, Centreville, &c. (and by some thought not any out of the way at all) and a very good road to it. Together with from 90 to 100 acres of land, the greatest part of it is wooded;. The mill is an over-shot with a wheel of 20 feet 9 inches and 4 feet head, with two pair of stones. One pair of French burrs of 5 feet, the other of Cologne, with every apparatus necessary for carrying on merchant business to the best advantage. The mill house is fifty feet long and twenty seven feet wide, two stories high, with a small kiln for drying corn, together with a barn, stable, cow house and lumber house, convenient to the mill. A convenient dwelling house, (not quite finished) with a kitchen, meat and corn house; the whole of which have been built within 9 years past. There are two very thriving young Peach Orchard It was supposed, had not the frost killed the fruit this spring, upwards of 100 gallons of brandy

might have been made from them. Should the whole of the land be required with the mill, there is another small house, kitchen and meat house, at a short distance from the former.

The situation of this property must render it a desirable acquisition to any person inclined to engage in this line of business; particularly so as it is situated to near tide water. It is deemed unnecessary to say anything more respecting the premises, as it is presumed any person inclined to purchase would wish to see them. Nothing would induce me to part with this valuable property but the pressing demands against me which I am anxious to discharge, therefore a great bargain may be expected. Any further information may be known on application to

John Sowden, Clifton Mill
Dumfries, Va. May 23, 1805

Alexandria Gazette 20 Jan 1806

PUBLIC SALE – By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Chancery, held in the city of Richmond, the 5th of October, 1805 The Subscribers will expose to SALE to the highest bidder, on the first Monday in March next, being Prince William Court Day, at George William's Tavern, in the town of Dumfries at three o'clock, on a credit of six months; A TRACT OF LAND in the said County of Prince William, distant from the town of Dumfries six miles, laying on the east side of the main mountain road, be--- thereby, and includes Powell's Run. It is said to contain six hundred and eighty-five acres, with several tenements thereon, and is a part of the Tract of John Berryman, deceased, which was by him conveyed to Richard Graham, and is now decreed to be sold to satisfy a Mortgage thereon, if the money be not paid by the twenty-fifth day of next month.

Alexander Henderson
John Gibson
John Linton
Dumfries, 21 Nov. 1805

Alexandria Gazette 24 Aug 1808

AN EXCELLENT COOK FOR SALE – Fanny, the property of the late James Murray Jun. will be exposed to public sale, before the tavern of George Williams, in the town of Dumfries, on Monday, the 5th day of September next, at three o'clock in the afternoon. Fanny is an excellent cook, seamstress, washer-woman, and house-servant, and will be a valuable acquisition in any family. Credit will be given until the raising of the embargo, should that event occur within six months, otherwise the purchaser will have six months credit on giving bond with approved security, the bond to bear interest from date if not punctually paid to

V. Peyton, Ex'r
Stafford, August 18, 1808

Alexandria Gazette 14 Jan 1811

NEGROES FOR SALE ON MONDAY, the 4th day of February next; if fair; if not the next fair day; will be sold at public sale; for ready money; at the House of Captain George Williams; in Dumfries; 35 very likely NEGROES; consisting of men; women; and children; belonging to the estate of John Gibson, deceased.

John Spence, Executor
James Reid, Executor
Dumfries, Va. January 2, 1811

Alexandria Gazette 18 Sep 1812

PUBLIC SALE – Pursuant to a deed of trust, executed by David W. Scott and Elizabeth his wife, to the subscriber, for the purposes therein mentioned, dated the 10th of January 1806, and duly recorded in the court of Prince William County, will be exposed to sale for ready money, before the door of the Tavern occupied by Mr. George Williams in the Town of Dumfries, on Monday, the 5th day of next month, the following property, viz.

One lot of marsh land, near the Town of Dumfries and the land of John McCrea, Esq. containing eight and one tenth acres, purchased by said Scott of Willoughby Tebbs. Also, one other lot of Marsh Land adjacent to the land formerly Nathaniel H. Triplett's on Quantico Creek, containing thirteen acres, purchased by said Scott of Walter Graham. Also one half of a lot of land in the Town of Dumfries, No. 65 adjacent to the lot of the subscriber, purchased by the said Scott of the said Graham.

John Williams, Trustee
September 15, 1812

Alexandria Gazette 5 Dec 1812

SLAVES – On Monday, the fifth of April next, if fair, if not, the next fair day, will be offered for sale, at the Tavern of Captain George Williams, in this place, for ready money – FIFTY SLAVES belonging to the estate of John Gibson, deceased; consisting of men, women, and children.

John Spence
James Reid
Executors of John Gibson
Dumfries, Va. March 4, 1813

Alexandria Gazette 26 Nov 1818

PUBLIC SALE – By virtue of a deed of trust from Charles Ewell to me, and in pursuance of a decree of the Superior Court of Chancery for the Fredericksburg District. I shall, on Saturday, the 26th day of December next ensuing, if fair, and if not on the next fair day thereafter proceed to sell at public auction, for cash, before the door of WILLIAMS TAVERN, in the town of Dumfries, a certain tract or parcel of land called MILLFORD, whereon said Ewell resides, lying in Prince William County, Virginia, or so much of said tract as shall be sufficient to pay and satisfy the several sums of money, with interest, in the said decree mentioned, and the expenses of sale &c. The sale to commence at 12 o'clock.

J. D. Simms, Trustee
October 27, 1818

Alexandria Gazette 29 Mar 1819

A GREAT BARGAIN OFFERED – I will at private sale dispose of very low and upon terms in other respects favorable to the purchaser, that valuable piece of property, situated in the vicinity of Dumfries, and known as THE UPPER MILL, called CLIFTON, with about 240 acres of land adjoining, formerly the property of James Deneale. If it shall not be disposed of at a private sale, previously to the next Prince William Court Day (5th April) it will then be sold at public auction before the door of WILLIAM'S TAVERN, in the town of Dumfries. The sale will be made under the superintendence of Mr. William M. Craig, deputy marshal; to whom persons disposed to purchase the property by private contract, are referred.

J. L. McKenna
March 25, 1819

Alexandria Gazette 7 Dec 1822

Pursuant to the foregoing decree, I shall on the 7th day of January next, before the front door of the tavern now kept by George Williams, in the Town of Dumfries and county of Prince William, expose to sale by PUBLIC AUCTION to the highest bidder, for ready money, two tracts or parcels of land lying & being in the said county; the one called BAYLOR'S TRACT, containing 250 acres; and the other called WHITLEY'S TRACT, containing 275 acres, adjoining each other on Powell's Creek and Potomac River; which said lands were the estate of Gen. Smallwood, late of Charles County, Md. deceased, at the time of his death, and were conveyed to the said Samuel Fitzhugh, by the representatives of the said Gen. William Smallwood.

Alexandria Gazette 11 Jun 1833

SALES AT AUCTION – DECREES FOR SALE OF LAND. At a Circuit Superior Court of Law and Chancery for Prince William County, held on the 17th day of May 1833 Nathaniel C. Macrae, Plaintiff against John Williams, administrator of Barnaby Cannon, deceased, and others defendants.

The cause came on to be heard upon bill, answer, and exhibits and by consent of parties, and by like consent the Court doth adjudge, order and decree, that the land in the bill mentioned as the land sold by Nathaniel C. Macrae to Barnaby Cannon, to be sold by the Commissioner hereinafter named to the highest bidder, upon a credit of six, twelve, and eighteen months; taking from the purchaser or purchasers bond and security with a lien upon the land, to secure the payment of the purchase money, the commissioner giving thirty days notice of the time and place of sale, by an advertisement published in some newspaper in the District of Columbia, and George W. Macrae is appointed commissioner to carry this decree into effect, who is directed to report his proceedings to this court. This decree is rendered without prejudice to the rights of either party. A copy, Teste

James H. Reid, Clerk

Pursuant to the order and direction of the foregoing decree, I shall, on Saturday, the 6th day of July next, before the front door of the House of John W. Williams, Esq. in the Town of Dumfries, proceed to sell to the highest bidder, upon the terms and conditions in the said decree set forth, the TRACT of LAND therein referred to, situated in Prince William County, near Dumfries, and containing, by estimation 115 ACRES, 3 Roods, and 7 20 100 poles. This tract of land lies within less than half a mile of the nearest navigable point on Quantico Creek, and is almost wholly in wood embracing, with some timber, a considerable quantity of Pine, Oak, and other growth suitable for the wood trade to the District of Columbia.

George W. Macrae, Commissioner

Alexandria Gazette 26 Oct 1838

NOTICE – On Friday the 26th instant, I will offer for sale to the highest bidder, at public auction, the BRICK TAVERN, in the Town of Dumfries. Terms of sale – one hundred dollars cash in hand, the balance in annual installments, to suit the purchaser, from one to nine years, the purchaser giving bonds to bear interest from the date with approved security, and a Deed of Trust on the premises, to secure the payments. On the same day I will offer for sale all my Household and Kitchen Furniture &c. on a credit of nine months for all sums of five dollars and upwards,

the purchaser giving bond with approved security to bear interest from the date but the interest will be remitted, if the principal is punctually paid; under five dollars the cash will be required.

John W. Williams
Dumfries, Va.
October 13, 1838

Alexandria Gazette 25 Jun 1840

PUBLIC SALE OF SAW MILL AND PREMISES – A Parcel of Land containing 20 acres and the SAW MILL, &c. thereon erected (herein after stated) the sale of which has been heretofore advertised and postponed from time to time up to this 6th of June, 1840, will again be offered for sale at public Auction, before the Brick Tavern, opposite Mrs. Murdock's in the Town of Dumfries, Prince William County, Va., on Saturday the 11th of July next, in pursuance of a deed of trust of record and of the advertisement and postponement, aforesaid. The Saw Mill before mentioned is situated on Quantico Run, about a mile from said town, and is considered one of the best in the State as to situation and construction. Six Saws, or more can be put in operation simultaneously, and it is calculated for sawing almost any length and description of plank &c., usually wanting for ship construction or other purposes the carriage being forty feet, or more, in length. The Dam is of stone and being very near the mill, the water (in connection with the peculiar topography of the site) affords a great saving of time and labor in some of its operations. Add to these advantages its vicinity to tide water navigation through the medium of which its avails can be transported to the Bay and River markets with, comparatively little expense. Attached to it is an unfinished building designed for the accommodation of workmen. The situation, as well as the country around, is believed to be very healthy, and land in every direction, convenient to the mill, comparatively cheap.

Terms of Sale - \$300 of the purchase money to be paid in cash, the balance on a moderate credit, with bond and security, and if required, a lien on the premises sold. The title is believed to be indisputable, but such only will be conveyed to the purchaser as is vested in the subscriber by said deed.

G. W. MacCrae, Trustee

At the same time and place above advertised. I will offer for sale, at auction, a parcel of land in the said county, adjoining Trone and others, about 6 miles from Dumfries, and chiefly in wood of different descriptions. It is the residue of a tract, formerly belonging to Lawson's heirs and by them surrendered to Henderson's Executor and is supposed to contain about three hundred acres; but, will be sold "out and out, whatever may be the quantity, more or less," as directed by the power of attorney of said Executor, in virtue of which, it is now offered for sale. One fifth of the purchase money in cash, the balance payable in, say, one and two years, with bond and security, and, also, a lien on the premises sold if required. Said Executor (R. H. Henderson,) will warrant the title.

George W. Macrae, Attorney