

Runnymede

Alexandria Gazette, 28 May 1858 (ads thru Sept 1858):

RUNNEMEDE SCHOOL — The next session of this School will commence on the 1st of October 1858 and close on the 31st of July 1859. The branches taught are the English, Latin, Greek, French and Spanish languages and their Literature, and Mathematics (both theoretically and in its practical applications). The Principal is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and the course of instruction is designed with a view to the thorough preparation of the pupils for that institution. The School is situated in Fauquier County, in a neighborhood well known for its fine climate and excellent society. TERMS: — Board and tuition for each term of five months, \$125, payable on the 1st of October, and 1st of March. Lights extra. For further particulars, address the Principal, at Salem Station, Fauquier County, Virginia. GRAY CARROLL, M.A.

— REFERENCES —

The faculty of the Univeristy of Virginia
James K. Marshall, esq. Virginia Senate
F.W. Coleman, esq.

Hon A. Atkinson, Isle of Wight County,
Va.

Geo. W. Carroll, esq, Isle of Wight
County, Va.

Col. C.G. Coleman, Louise, Isle of Wight
County, Va.

Rev. G.H. Norton, Columbus, Ohio

Co. R. Christmas, Issaquena County,
Miss.

W. Roy Mason, esq., King George Co.,
Va.

Fauquier County, Va.

Alexandria Gazette, 7 Mar 1896: The dwelling house and contents of Mr. Golder Davis, between Orlean and Vernon Mills, were destroyed by fire on the 3rd.

Alexandria Gazette, 5 Feb 1898:

“Runnymede,” the home of Mr. Golder Davis, was the scene a night or two ago of one of the most enjoyable events of the season. The occasion was the celebration of Mr. Golder’s birthday. A large number of guests were present and the occasion was greatly enjoyed. Excellent music was rendered during the evening.

History of Virginia, Vol. VI, Philip
Alexander Bruce, Lyon Gardiner Tyler,
Richard Lee Morton, 1924

p. 238:

W. Golder Davis is proprietor of Runnemeade farm in Marshall District of Fauquier County. Runnemeade farm has been well known for a number of years as a center of the pure bred stock industry in that section of Virginia. A number of fine horses were bred and raised there, and during nearly 40 years of its ownership by Mr. Davis its management has been successful in every particular. W. Golder Davis was born at Vernon Mills in Fauquier County, Jan. 26, 1857,

son of George W. and Lucy (Smith) Davis, and a grandson of William Davis. His father was born at Alexandria, Va. and married and located at Vernon Mills before the war. He was a Confederate soldier in the Black Horse Cavalry, Sixth Virginia Regiment, lost a leg in battle, and after the war engaged in merchandising at Vernon Mills and built up a large property in that vicinity. He was an able business man, a public spirited citizen and commanded the wholesome respect of the entire community. He died in November 1909.

His son, W. Golder Davis, was reared at Vernon Mills, attended the local schools, and finished his education with two years in the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg. At the Institute he was first lieutenant of a military company. While in school he also assisted in the management of his father's farm in Runnemeade, and at the age of 20 he took the active management of his father's farming interests.

His home has been at Runnemeade since 1885. This country estate he has made productive of corn, wheat, cattle, pure bred hogs and poultry, and for a number of years he was a breeder of hunters and heavy draft horses. He exhibited his horses at shows and fairs, and many of them won ribbon awards. Mr. Davis has been prominent in the live stock and farmers movements and organizations, serving as president of the Warrenton Horse Show from its opening until recent years. He is identified with the Farmers Co-operative Exchange, is a director of

the Fauquier Agricultural Society, and farming and farm interests absorb his entire time and enthusiasm. For 15 years he was a member of the Marshall District School Board and for a score of years was road commissioner. In that time he worked the local roads of his district with a tax levy of 15 cents a hundred and now that the levy has been increased to nearly 50 cents the roads are no better than they were with a smaller fund and his efficiency as supervisor.

Runnemeade was one of the county educational centres before the Civil War. The home of Mr. Davis was formerly the residence of Prof. Gray Carroll, who conducted his boys' school in the old two-story building that is still standing there and in which many successful Virginians of their time were given part of their early training. Mr. Davis farms 700 acres, which he owns. He is a member of the Kappa Sigma college fraternity. He has been a leader in the local democratic party, and cast his first presidential ballot for General Hancock and has never missed voting for the party candidate. It was always known where he stood in politics, and in former years he was seldom absent from county conventions.

Mr. Davis married in Rappahannock County, Dec. 18, 1884, Miss Edwina Haddox, who was born in that county in 1857, daughter of Col. Clinton and Dollie (Smith) Haddox. Dollie Smith was a first cousin of the mother of Mr. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have four children. Warren finished his education in Eastern

College of Front Royal and is identified with his father's farm. Clinton, also at home, was educated in the local schools and in Capt. W.C. Marshall's private high school. The only daughter is Miss Goldie. Clarence, the youngest child, is now connected with the Sanitary Grocery Company at Washington City.

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Elevation (ft): 627

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Branch Banking & Trust Co. trustee to Benjamin Knepper, Runnymede Farm subdivision, lot 8, division of tract 5, Royston Lane, Marshall, 10.1066 acres, GPIN 6947-16-4446, \$340,000.

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