

## Glenara

*Alexandria Gazette*, 1 Jul 1897:

ORLEAN, June 30 — Mr. John M. Davis of British Columbia, purchased on the 28th the farm formerly owned by Mr. Ben Skinner for \$11,000 cash. He offered for Glenara, owned by Mr. Beck \$50,000, but the offer was not accepted. Mr. John M. Davis is the son of Mr. Geo. W. Davis, an old Alexandrian. John has made piles of money out of his silver mines in British Columbia and is now a millionaire.

*Alexandria Gazette*, 22 Jul 1898: On Wednesday morning at 1 o'clock, during a festive gathering at Glenara, the country seat of John M. Davis, near Warrenton, the mansion caught on fire and was considerably damaged. The active effort of the large company present saved the building from complete destruction.

*Washington Evening Star*, 31 Jan 1906:

Transfer of Virginia Properties  
The Glenara estate, in Fauquier county, Va., has been sold by Mr. John M. Davis to Mr. John B. Swann of Toronto, Canada. The property consists of several hundred acres, and is improved by a large dwelling and is located not far from the town of Marshall. The purchase price is said to have been \$55,000.

*Times Dispatch*, 4 Feb 1906: Glenara, the fine estate of John M. Davis, in Fauquier county, near Marshall, Va., has been sold to John B. Swann, a wealthy Canadian,

who will breed fine horses and cattle there.

*Times Dispatch*, 18 Feb 1906:

Fine Farms Sold  
Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 17 — H.W. Hileary & Co., Real Estate Agents, Charlottesville, Va., have sold in the past 90 days the following Virginia homes: Glenara, in Fauquier Co. to Mr. Jno. Butler Swann of New York, for \$55,000.

*Washington Post*, 9 Feb 1913:

### GLENARA

In the heart of the famous blue grass region of Virginia is this beautiful and historic estate. The present is the seventh owner from the Crown of England. The mansion is a very large, handsome structure, commanding a beautiful view of the foot hills and the Blue Ridge mountains. It is a three-storey brick dwelling, built in the Italian style, containing 17 rooms and six baths, with four large basement rooms. No expense has been spared in the finish of Glenara; many of the mantels were made in New York and are hand carved. Cherry, butternut, black walnut, and ash are used in the different rooms. The floors are hardwood and in beautiful condition. The outbuildings are many and in perfect order, consisting of two large barns with a capacity of 35 horses and 75 cattle, granary, sheep barn, hog house, implement shed, corn house, blacksmith shop, superintendent's house, tenant house. All buildings are in good condition and ample for a large farming operation.

The farm contains 920 acres of strong land, upon which considerable money has been spent. Much of it is in a very heavy bluegrass sod. Export cattle and high-grade stock are successfully handled on this property. Such a combination of splendid home and money-making proposition is seldom offered. Good reasons for selling. Located near Marshall in Fauquier County, Virginia, two hours from Washington. Price \$125,000. H.W. HILLEARY & CO., Exclusive Brokers, 419 Southern Bldg., Washington, D.C.

*Washington Post*, 3 May 1914:  
Another large transaction consummated yesterday through the offices of this company [Real Estate Investment Co.] was the sale of Glenara, one of the most noted stock farms in Virginia, containing about 1,000 acres and owned by Mrs. John Butler Swann. Glenara was purchased by A.W. Hudson of Kansas. The home features of this property are declared to be ideal. The farm is located in the heart of the blue grass region of Fauquier county, Va. The considerations involved the two deals were not disclosed.

*Washington Post*, 9 Apr 1916:  
John and Bates Warren announced the sale of the old colonial estate Glenara, near Marshall, Va. to T.H. Maddox and John T. Ramey. The property contains about 910 acres and is improved by a 20-room dwelling and other structures. The Simpson company also negotiated this

deal and the consideration is said to be about \$90,000.

*Washington Post*, 15 Aug 1935:  
Fauquier estate is sold  
Warrenton, Va., Aug 14 – Glenara, estate in upper Fauquier County, has been sold by James W. Stewart of New York to Ludwell Lake, of Midland. The estate contains 355 acres and was once owned by the late James Butler Swann, of New York, prominent horseman who was killed in a polo match on Long Island.

A History of Marshall (formerly Salem), Fauquier County, Virginia, John K. Gott

p. 51, re: the Marshall Methodist Church:  
“The official board of the church in 1923 was composed of the following persons: W.H. Fishback, owner of the beautiful Glenara farm ...”

[bcia.apsc.vt.edu/Staunton%20results.htm](http://bcia.apsc.vt.edu/Staunton%20results.htm)  
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Glenara Farms of Marshall, Virginia consigned the two top-selling bulls, which both sold to W.L. Harris of Lexington, Virginia for \$1675 each.

[vtmagazine.vt.edu/sum99/classnotes.htm](http://vtmagazine.vt.edu/sum99/classnotes.htm)  
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G. T. Ward (BD), was awarded the William C. Noland Medal in architecture (Glenara Farm, 10239 Glenara Ln., Marshall, VA 20115).

From Cache, 2009

NEW \$7,750,000 10239 GLENARA LN  
#5/16/2008  
MARSHALL FQ6763523 GLENARA

Property Type: Single Family

Price: \$7,750,000  
Bedrooms: 5  
Baths: 4 Full Baths, 1 Half Bath  
Lot Size: 339.680005 acres  
Year Built: 1883  
Area: Marshall, VA  
County: Fauquier  
MLS/Web ID: FQ6763523

Glenara on 339 acs, features an impressive brick manor house c1883. Well proportioned rooms w/ high ceiling & exceptional views. A large center hall leads to library, dining room & living room, kitchen & rear entry hall. 2nd floor has 3 bedroom each w/bath & staff quarters for 3. Presently a working cattle farm w/tenant houses, barns, stable & equipment buildings. In Conservation easements.

#### Room Information

Size Sqft Floor Unit  
Bedroom 19 X 17 - - -  
Bedroom 19 X 18 - - -  
Dining Room 19 X 18 - - -  
Kitchen 20 X 14 - - -  
Library 21 X 21 - - -  
Living Room 40 X 20 - - -  
Master Bedroom 22 X 22 - - -  
Sitting Room 24 X 13 - - -

#### Exterior Features

Porch  
Fence: Full  
Garage: Garage Door Opener  
Roof: Slate  
Siding: Brick

Excluded Feature  
Interior Features  
Appliances  
Dishwasher, Gas Oven, Refrigerator,  
Double Oven

Basement: Full, Partially Finished

Cooling System: Electric, Window  
Unit(s)

Flooring: Wood  
Heating Source: Oil  
Heating System: Radiators

Interior: Book Shelving, Window  
Treatments

Room Features: Walk-in Attic  
Sewer: Septic System  
Utilities: Electric  
Water Source: Well

Broker: Armfield, Miller & Ripley Fine  
Properties LLC

Listing Brokerage: ARMFIELD, MILLER  
& RIPLEY FINE PROPERTIES LLC

MLS ID: FQ6763523  
STYLE: Manor  
LOT SIZE: 14796461  
LOT ACREAGE: 339.680005

TYPE: Detached  
EXTERIOR: Fenced-Fully,Porch-  
screened,Terrace  
EXTERIOR CONST.: Brick  
YEAR BUILT: 1883  
HEAT SYSTEM: Radiator AGE: 125  
COOL SYSTEM: Window Unit(s)  
SUBDIVISION: GLENARA  
WATER: Well COUNTY: FAUQUIER  
SEWER: Septic HEAT FUEL: Oil  
R.E. TAX YEAR: 2007  
HOT WATER: Electric  
COOL FUEL: Electric

Fauquier County deed book 97, p. 457 -  
22 January 1906  
"John M. Davis (single) to John Butler  
Swann .. \$55,000 .. Glenara ... 615 ac. 1 r.  
21 po. .. same to Davis by Thomas Beck ..  
14 Oct. 1897 (D. B. 88, p. 524) .. C. M.  
White, Comm'r. to Davis .. 14 Oct. 1897  
(D. B. 88, pl. 529) also James P. Jeffries,  
Comm'r. to Davis .. 1 Nov. 1897 (D. B.  
89, p. 9) also to Swann all the house hold  
and kitchen furniture and farming  
implements upon Glenara..."

Notes from conversation with Vicky  
Ginther of Fauquier County Public  
Library, 15 Sept 2004:

They have a copy of an auction brochure  
for Glenara, dated Aug. 15, no year. The  
house was sold. In the Piedmont section  
of Virginia. 865 acres. Belonged to Col.  
Mck. G. Jones in 1883. Italian style house  
with 20-acre lawn. Also see  
'Vermont.' On Rte 647, near Marshall.  
Also something to do with Dixon family

1825, changed ownership 1902, 1917,  
but no mention of Harris.