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Darnestown Plans Luxury Home Site

A development of luxury homes has been planned for the historic Haywire Farm facing Esworthy and Query Mill Roads in Darnestown.

The 150 acres of rolling farmland has been sold by Harry H. Steidel to Lawrence H. Stevens of Alexandria, Va. Stevens is a registered architect.

Plans are to develop the property with well-designed homes conforming to the contour of the land. They will be in the \$70,000 sales bracket.

Mott and Hayden, land planners, have arranged for lots of two acres and up with views of Mill Creek (Muddy Branch) which winds through the property.

Just Mill Site

The first section to be developed will contain 18 parcels and it is expected that at least two homes will be started this winter.

According to records of the Maryland Historical Society, the home is the site of the former grist mill of the late John N. Query. In the middle of the property is the Query family cemetery. This will be preserved.

The property, one of the oldest in the county, contains the grave of John Nicholas Querie. Mr. Querie (who later changed his name to Query) came from Germany to Philadelphia on the ship "Halifax" and took the oath of allegiance to England in 1752. He settled here and ran the mill. His gravestone says "1788 Died 24 November, Was Born 17 December 1714."

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