

Greenway Downs Name of Minar Subdivision

Miss Sarah A. Howlett Wins \$100 Award Over 1,000 Entrants

With the name "Greenway Downs," Miss Sarah A. Howlett, 2009 Park road northwest, won the \$100 prize contest for the naming of the new Ruby Lee Minar, Inc., subdivision at Falls Church, Va., in Fairfax County. Announcement of the winner was made by the committee of judges, which was made up of Mrs. Grace Hay Riley, dean of the Washington College of Law and president of the Woman's City Club; Joshua Evans, jr., vice president of the District National Bank; Dorsey W. Hyde, jr., secretary of the Washington Chamber of Commerce; W. S. Hoge Jr., president of Boulevard Properties, Inc., and Mrs. Minar.

About 1,000 names were submitted during the contest and the judges encountered some difficulty in selecting the winner because of the excellence of a large number of suggestions. When the choice had been narrowed down to a half dozen, Greenway Downs finally was decided upon by the judges not alone because of its attractiveness but also on account of its historical significance in its tribute to Lord Fairfax, one of the most interesting and romantic figures of colonial days.

Lord Fairfax owned the northern neck of Virginia, the land between the Potomac and the Rappahannock Rivers and between Chesapeake Bay and the Allegheny Mountains. His cousin, William Fairfax's daughter, Anne, married Lawrence Washington. It was through this marriage that Lord Fairfax met the youthful George Washington and made him his surveyor. He is credited with doing more to advance the interests of Washington than any other man.

The manor house of Lord Fairfax at White Post, Va., was known as Greenway Court, and it was from this old Fairfax estate that Miss Howlett took the name of Greenway Downs for the new homesite tract which is the first to be developed by Mrs. Minar in Fairfax County.

Mrs. Minar will place the new subdivision on sale next Saturday, June 18. Restrictions will be much the same as in the other subdivisions of Washington and Virginia the intention being to have it a fitting and attractive addition to Falls Church, which is known as one of the prettiest Virginia suburbs of the National Capital. The prize will be presented to Miss Howlett at Greenway Downs on the opening day.

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