

Tripp Farm to Be Made into Home Sites Soon

100-acre Tract Purchased by Ruby Lee Minar for Development.

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Announcement was made yesterday that the Tripp farm, just west of the limits of Falls Church, Va., has been acquired by Ruby Lee Minar, who will develop the 100-acre tract into homesites in the near future. At the same time, it was stated that this will be the first project developed by Mrs. Minar in Fairfax County, although last year she purchased more than 500 acres in the county to be developed at a later date. Mrs. Minar's firm has specialized in properties in northern Virginia for the last seven years and enjoys a reputation as one of the foremost developers in this part of the State.

Entering the real estate profession in 1919, it was shortly after that she took over the exclusive agency for Lyon Park, now a thickly settled Arlington county suburb between Washington and Clarendon, Va. Traveling constantly over the counties, she was struck by the beauty of the Virginia hills in the vicinity of the Washington Golf and Country Club, where there were such beautiful homes as that of Admiral P. M. Rixey; Lyonhurst, now owned by Dr. R. N. Sutton, and the home of Capt. Frank Upman, Washington architect.

She was impressed by the possibilities of this section as an excellent residential community, and began acquiring land at once. Her first purchase, it was stated, was the 93-acre estate owned by the heirs of Dr. Joseph Taber Johnson. Later she bought about 100 acres owned by Dr. Rixey adjoining his home and the country club. At the same time she acquired this interest in Crystal farm, a tract containing 120 acres extending to the Potomac River. She rounded out her holdings by the acquisition of the 40-acre Winder estate fronting on the Lee highway. This property was subdivided and named Lee Heights.

Since the property was place on the market in 1923, Mrs. Minar stated that more than \$1,000,000 worth of homesites had been sold Other subdivisions handled by Mrs. Minar are Engleood, Tuckshow Village and Country Club Estates.

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