

The History of the Property

The first known owner of the property on which Bluebird Gap Farm now stands was Captain William Tucker. Tucker was an accomplished English sea captain, a wealthy plantation owner in Virginia, and the Commander of Kecoughtan (present day Hampton).

In 1622, Captain Tucker bought the property where Bluebird Gap Farm now stands and he and his family lived there for a time before moving closer to his post in Kecoughtan, near present day Hampton University. Though he no longer lived on the Bluebird Gap Farm property, Captain Tucker retained the property until his death in 1644.

Several months after Captain Tucker's death, in 1645, the Bluebird Gap Farm property was sold. Half of the property was bought by Ralph Barlowe. Ralph Barlowe married Katherine West and left his share of the property to her when he died in 1651. Their portion of the property remained in the West family throughout the 1700s.

Margaret West, a descendent of Katherine West, married Hadrach Woutten, who was born in 1797 and died in 1835. Hadrach's gravestone is the oldest grave in the Davis Cemetery. It is the grave that is lying flat on the ground in the cemetery.

Margaret West Woutten had a daughter named Alice, who married Philip P. Davis. They had a daughter named Beula. Philip, Alice, and Beula lived on the Bluebird Gap Farm property. Alice died in 1922. Beula died in 1913 only four days before her father Philip. Beula married a Mr. Curtis and they had a daughter named Lilian. Lilian had a daughter named Beulah.

The property remained in the Davis family until the Warren's bought it around 1950. They were the last private owners before the City of Hampton acquired the property in 1965 and opened Bluebird Gap Farm in 1969.