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FAMOUS ROSE TREE INN CHANGES HANDS – Historic Old Hostelry Near Media Sold to William Clark of Marple – Name of Former Owners

The historic old Rose Tree Inn was sold yesterday for the sum of $38,000, and in a few days the new owner, William Clark, will take charge. This noted hostelry thus passes from the hands of the heirs of the late Benjamin Rogers. There is no lover of fox hunting who does not have pleasant recollections of the old inn and its famous roast pig and hot cakes.

The new owner is no stranger in this county nor to the hotel business. He formerly conducted a hotel at the junction of Baltimore Pike and the Ordy’s Ferry Road, which he sold a few years ago at a sum approximately $100,000. Since that time he has been living in Marple Township, on one of the finer farms in Delaware County. The sale was perfected through George E. Darlington, Esq., but it may be some days before the papers are fixed up so that the deed can be placed of record.

HISTORY OF HOTEL – The first owner of this historic hotel was David Calvert in 1739; he sold it to John Calvert, who conducted it from 1744 to 1767. The other owners since that time have been as follows:

David Malin from 1761 to 1762; David Thompson from 1763 to 1768; David Malin from 1769 to 1770; John Moore from 1773 to 1781; Mary Moore from 1782; Baldwin Weaver from 1783; William Robinson, 1801; Jonathan Bonsall, 1802; Mason Palmer, 1803; Isaac Cochran, 1806; Martin Wise from 1816 to 1821; William Black, 1821; Isaac Cochran, 1823; George Cummings, 1838; Matilda Cummings, 1847; Martha Russell, 1848; Malin Bishop, 1849; Matilda Cummings, 1850; Robert Johnson, 1857; William Beeby, 1859. This was the year that the Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club came to the Rose Tree Inn. Thomas Graham 1864; Thomas Miller, 1866; Joseph Velotes from 1867 to 1871; Thomas Garrett, 1872; Benjamin Rogers from 1872 to 1904, when he died. Since that time the inn has been conducted by Wellas Rogers, a son of the former proprietor for the heirs.