

...at the present time has five ripe tomatoes. The flower box, which had been outside, was moved in the house a few days ago.

POINT CLEAR HOTEL BOUGHT BY NEW CORP.

**\$35,000 Paid for Property;
Extensive Improvement
Being Planned**

Sale of the historic Point Clear Hotel on Mobile Bay's eastern shore by the James K. Glennon estate to the Grand Hotel Corporation is announced.

The corporation paid the estate \$35,000 for the property—the building, and 700 feet of bay frontage running from just west of the Glennon cottage to a point 100 feet north of Point Clear Creek.

An extensive improvement of the hotel and the grounds, including new bulkheading along the shore, is planned, it was learned.

In corporation papers for the Grand Hotel Corporation were filed in probate court today by Marion R. Vickers, an attorney. The authorized capital stock is \$100,000, and of this, \$40,000 has been paid in.

President of the corporation, with \$35,000 of the stock, is E. A. Hirs, who is traveling auditor for the Waterman Steamship Corporation. Vice president is L. M. Torbert, secretary to the president of Waterman's with \$1,000 worth of shares, and Katherine Gray, who is Vickers' secretary, is secretary of the company, and also holds \$1,000 worth of stock. These three also compose the directorate.

Will Assume Old Name

The Point Clear Hotel was known years ago as the Grand Hotel, and it was understood that it will again assume that name. Mat Mahorner, trustee of the Glennon estate, said his records did not show when the original hotel was built, but he produced a drawing of it, made in 1854. The first building was destroyed by fire, and the long, two-stories hotel that now stands on Great Point Clear was built in the latter part of the nineteenth century.

Heirs of the Glennon estate are: Katherine G. Mahorner, Agnes G. Ponder, John F. Glennon, James H. Glennon, Harry McDonnell, James G. McDonnell, Julian B. McDonnell, Alfred N. McDonnell, Paul A. McDonnell, and Owen E. McDonnell all of Mobile and William McDonnell of Sheffield, Ala.

The estate retains ownership of the remainder of its 200-acre holding at the Point, including the cottages and land running north along the bay front to the Beach Hotel at Battles Wharf, and east from the Eastern Shore Highway.

The old hotel building is constructed entirely of virgin pine, cut back in the days before turpentine was general, and is sound as a dollar. There are 40 rooms in the hotel, and the place is featured by its wide galleries on both floors.

Famed Throughout South

Since the first building was constructed the hotel has been a famous watering spot, attracting visitors from all over the South, and for years served a year-around clientele. In recent years it has been closed during the winter seasons.

However, it was understood today that the new owners plan, in their development program, to again open the hostelry during the winters.

At the outset the present structure will be improved and modernized, but eventually other construction is expected.

The announcement of the sale, although it did not involve a comparatively large amount, created more interest than any realty transaction in years, because of the traditions attached to the property.

In an order on file in the chancery division of Mobile circuit court, permitting Mahorner to sell the property, it was shown the sale was for cash, and that Attorney Vickers gets a \$1,750 commission for negotiating the deal.—Mobile Press-Register.